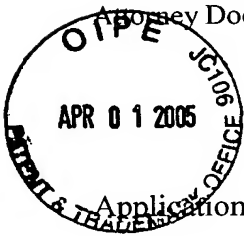


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In response to the Office Action dated December 22, 2004, Applicants submit an accompanying Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the following amendments and remarks.

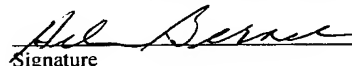
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